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IN RE APPLICATION OF

James Thomas Shiveley

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**PROCESSING** 

SERIAL NO.

09/851,720

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this **PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PETITION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-01450, on the following date.

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# PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

Mail Stop PETITION Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant's attorney respectfully petitions the Commissioner for Patents to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) on the ground that the delay was unintentional. This petition is supported by the following affidavit.

The application was abandoned on October 5, 2004, due to failure to respond to the Second Restriction Requirement on the part of the undersigned. The Office Action dated December 5, 2003, was never received by the undersigned's attorney as the correspondence was sent to an incorrect address. Moreover, despite having filed a change of address form on June 28, 2004, the Notice of Abandonment was not directed to the proper address either. Therefore, the undersigned had no notice that the application had gone abandoned. Once the undersigned learned of the abandonment on or about October 19, 2004, the undersigned promptly prepared this Petition to Revive, as well as, the enclosed Affidavit. The original Petition to Revive, which was signed by the undersigned's attorney was denied on grounds that the signing attorney was not an attorney of record. Accordingly, this revised Petition to Revive follows.

It is submitted, therefore, that, on the basis described above, the abandonment should be held to be inadvertent, the delay should be held to be unintentional, the enclosed Response to Restriction Requirement should be entered and the case revived.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee in the sum required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) in the amount of \$1,370 is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 501210.

Inventor

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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In re Application of

Shiveley

Application No. 09/851,720

Filed: May 9, 2001 Docket No.: 0188.000 **OFFICE OF PETITIONS** 

**DECISION ON PETITION** 

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed November 19, 2004, seeking revival of th3e above-identifed application.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." Petitioner is advised that this is not a final agency decision.

This application became abandoned for failure to reply to the office action mailed December 5, 2003, to the above-noted correspondence address of record and which set an extendible period for reply of one month. As no extensions of time were obtained, this application became abandoned at midnight on January 5, 2004. The date of abandonment is January 6, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed October 5, 2004, to the above address, and was returned as undeliverable October 18, 2004.

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof; (2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) a terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)). This petition lacks item (3) above.

As to item 3, the statement of unintentional delay should be made by someone associated with the application at the time of abandonment. As background, the declaration/power of attorney filed with this application appointed only Roger D.

Emerson as attorney of record, and directed that all correspondence was to be mailed to a Mr. Thomas P. Lewandowski at the address noted above. The declaration did not also indicate any registration number for Mr. Lewandowski. Perusal of the entire record contents of this file fails to reveal that either the inventor or Mr. Emerson has, over his signature, appointed any other counsel or changed the correspondence address. Accordingly, this communication will be addressed to the correspondence address of record, obsolete or otherwise.

Counsel Deron Cook asserts that a change of address was filed on or about June 28, 2004, and includes a copy thereof as Exhibit A, but notes that such was apparently not given any force and effect by the USPTO. Inspection of the copy of Exhibit A reveals that such was a customer number batch update that sought to associate number 26781, several registered practitioners (including Mr. Emerson and also Mr. Cook), and a new correspondence address, with this application. However, such was signed by a Mr. Daniel Thomson, who unfortunately was not of record as noted above and as such the customer number could not be associated with this file and the address (and registered practitioners) properly remained unchanged. See MPEP 601.03:

Under 37 CFR 1.33(a)(2), where an executed oath or declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 has been filed by any of the inventors, the correspondence address may be changed by (A) a registered attorney or agent of record, (B) an assignee as provided for under 37 CFR 3.73(b), or (C) all of the applicants (37 CFR 1.41(b)) for patent, unless there is an assignee of the entire interest and such assignee has taken action in the application in accordance with 37 CFR 3.71.

For the same reason, the change of correspondence address signed by Mr. Cook and filed November 19, 2004, cannot be given any force and effect, though as a courtesy, and as Mr. Emerson is, according to the registry of practitioners, reachable at the address therein given for customer No. 27,681, a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to that address.

It is anticipated that with an appropriately signed statement of unintentional delay a renewed petition would be granted.

Any forthcoming renewed petition should be addressed as follows:

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Inquiries related to this decision may be made to the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

Brian Hearn

Petitions Examiner

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CC:

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